

Parent Council Update

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SCHOOL COUNCIL



Join us for our next School Council meeting. On the agenda, intramural sports and playground equipment. The meeting takes place **Wednesday January 15th, 2014, at 7 pm** in the school library.

All welcome. Hope to see you there!

Interested in receiving updates from School Council? Send your email address to manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca. Don't forget to check out the School Council website: www.mpvc.info.

Happy Holidays!

The holiday season is upon us. The School Council extends its warmest wishes to all the Manor Park School families. May you have a safe and relaxing holiday break. See you in the New Year!

Speaker Series Update

The School Council is continuing its efforts to research coordinate speaker sessions on the topics that are of interest to our parent community. You told us that you are keen to learn more about:

- Technology and children – how to safely navigate the ever-changing world of social media
- Bullying and raising respectful young people
- Homework help

We will bring more information about these sessions early in the new year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – UPDATE



Every year there is excitement in the air as the Scholastic Book Fair comes to our school. This year was no exception and we would like to extend a big 'thank you' to everyone who dropped by the small gym to enjoy the books. The fundraiser was very successful raising over \$4,500 worth of new books for the school library! See you again next fall!!



Dance-A-Thon



COMING SOON – Friday, February 7,
2014

Dust off your disco shoes and freshen up on your hip hop moves because the Manor Park Home & School Association is pleased to be hosting the 3rd Annual

Dance-A-Thon on Friday, February 7th, 2014. This is a major fundraiser supporting the school's Healthy Active School initiative as well as to show our school spirit! All students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be participating. In addition to collecting donations, each student will be dancing between 30 to 50 minutes with their classmates. There will be disco balls, great music and prizes to be won! Additional information and pledge kits will be sent home in early January. Let's dance!!



FREE SPORTS PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6 DURING MORNING NUTRITION BREAK!

Children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to come out for sports during their morning nutrition break – for free!

Since 2003, the Home and School Association has offered the opportunity for all interested students in Grades 3-6 to play team sports, regardless of sports ability or financial means. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the administration and teachers of Manor Park Public School, and the partnership with the Manor Park Community Council. Students at MPPS can voluntarily sign up for sports such as soccer, handball, badminton, basketball, and volleyball.

What parents should know:

The program is not operated or supervised by the staff of Manor Park Public School or the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

- Any child in Grades 3-6 can participate – for FREE!
- All sports are played on school property
- Equipment provided. Running shoes required
- Instruction and supervision is provided by the Manor Park Community Council
- This program is paid for by the Manor Park Home and School Association

For more information, please consult the "Intramural Sports" section in the introductory white pages of this year's student agenda.



NUTRITION BREAK ART PROGRAMS

A new session will begin in January. The forms for the winter session were sent out last week. Because classes filled so quickly this term, it is recommended that forms be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you to the volunteers who come to assist children to getting to their classes for the first couple of weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Christina at christina.kaeser@gmail.com.



PIZZA THURSDAY

PIZZA THURSDAYS are always a favorite with the children! Our second pizza session started November 28 and will run until January 23 (9 weeks).

The pizza comes from our local pizzeria, St. Laurent Golden Crust.

Pizza funds raised through the Manor Park Home and School

Association help provide resources and activities for all the students at Manor Park School.



INTERESTED IN OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED?

There are countless ways to make a difference at Manor Park. Here are a few:

May Fair volunteers, Pizza volunteers, Grant writing,
Inclass support, Badminton Club, Shelving books in the library, and School Council
Website support.

To get involved, please drop us an email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca